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‘U.S. out of Korea!’

The following information came from Nodutdol’s Instagram posts.

On Aug. 15, the 80th anniversary of Korea’s liberation from Japan, thousands of people packed Seoul [South Korea] demonstrations against U.S. bases, war exercises and economic exploitation.

Led by the workers of the Korean Confederation of Trade Unions, the rally denounced the upcoming Ulchi Freedom Shield war games, U.S. exploitation of South Korea through [President Donald Trump’s tariffs and attempts to rope Korea into war with China].

On Aug 14, Nodutdol joined organizers from the KCTU and the Progressive Party and on Aug. 15, the group joined Youth Peace Sovereignty Tongil Vanguard at a mobilization outside Camp Humphreys in Pyeongtaek, South Korea, the largest overseas U.S. military base in the world.

After rallying near Ganghwamun, protesters attempted to march on President Lee Jae Myung’s National Liberation Day address, only to be blocked by police.

Lee is scheduled to arrive at the White House for his first summit with Trump on Aug. 25. It is widely believed that he will make further concessions to the U.S.

Trump is demanding South Korea pay $10 billion a year for the U.S. occupation, raise its defense spending to 5% of its gross domestic product to increase U.S. weapons purchases and accept new alliance conditions that U.S. troops in Korea be allowed to deploy for war against China.

On Aug. 15 and 16, our movement in the U.S. mobilized across six cities to demand the total withdrawal of the U.S. from Korea and an end to U.S.-South Korea war exercises, including Ulchi Freedom Shield, which starts on Aug. 18.

The following eyewitness reports come from New York and Philadelphia:

A rally Aug. 15 at the Korea War Memorial in **Philadelphia** began with speeches by several Korea

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Philadelphia, Aug. 15, 2025 WW PHOTO: JOE PIETTE

Stop martial law in D.C.!

WORKERS WORLD *editorial*

It’s hard to keep track of all of the Trump administration’s many violations of people’s rights. But there’s one that workers and oppressed people need to pay particular attention to: Trump’s deployment of National Guard troops to occupy the Black and migrant communities in Washington, D.C., and his attempt to take over policing in that city.

Why is this important? Because it is a test case for martial law in urban, working-class areas where a large portion of the population is people of color — the case in D.C. despite the recent drop in the percentage of Black residents. This represents an effort to further ethnically cleanse D.C. — while the U.S. funds the ethnic cleansing that Israel is committing in Gaza and the West Bank.

What historic Black community is next if Black people are driven out of D.C., where many have already been forced out by gentrification? Where else will an “emergency” be manufactured, citing bogus claims around crime? Detroit? Harlem?

Moreover, if this test case proves successful for the ruling class, these repressive tactics could be used against any section of the working class or the progressive movement, from striking workers to anti-war protesters. Migrant communities throughout Los Angeles County face repression daily at the hands of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the National Guard.

No meaningful victory

Don’t be fooled by claims in the capitalist media that supporters of home rule for the U.S. capital scored any meaningful victory regarding the agreement between the Department of Justice and D.C. Attorney General Brian Schwalb's office. Drug Enforcement Administration Chief Terry Cole, who U.S. Attorney General Pam Bondi chose as D.C.'s “emergency police chief,” was merely demoted to Bondi’s “designee.”

What power Cole has is unclear, but the order issued by Bondi still mandates that D.C. police “assist in immigration enforcement operations and to comply with database inquiries and requests for information from any federal law enforcement entity,” terminating sanctuary city status, according to NBC News. (Aug. 15)

Militarized agents of ICE are functioning like fascist stormtroopers. Schwalb, a Democrat, boasts that “Chief [Pamela] Smith remains in control of the police department under the supervision of our mayor,” with the takeover going forward. This shows how much the Democratic Party has capitulated to right-wing pressure.

As National Guard troops from multiple states occupy D.C., the city’s colonial status is once again clear. Its people pay the highest per capita taxes in the country, yet they have no voting representative in Congress.

As activists discuss building a united front against fascism and imperialism, one demand to mobilize around will be “stormtroopers out of D.C.” — or wherever they get sent to next. ☐

Residents protest plans to deploy National Guard to Washington, D.C., Aug. 12, 2025.

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The legacy of Black August lives on

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The month of August holds special meaning for the Black Liberation struggle. This August marks the 406th anniversary of the arrival of the first ship of Africans brought in chains to the shores of the British colony of Virginia in 1619. This August marks 246 years of the enslavement underlying the establishment of the U.S. settler-colonial state — with its injustices, brutality and institutionalized crimes against humanity. The legacy of enslavement continues today in this white-supremacist, capitalist society.

But August is also a time to commemorate the Black resistance struggle, from the Haitian Revolution of 1791-1804 to the Nat Turner Rebellion in 1831, from the Fugitive Slave Law Convention of 1850 to the Underground Railroad that ran from the late 18th century to 1865, from the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters in 1925 to the March on Washington in 1963, the Watts Uprising in 1965 and the National Prison Strike from Aug. 21-Sept. 9 in 2018.

In August 2023, Workers World hailed the release of Ruchell "Cinque" Magee, the longest-held U.S. political prisoner. A people's campaign won his freedom, which was short-lived, as he died that October at 84. A hero in the Black Liberation Movement, he participated in the August 1970 Marin County Courthouse rebellion.

Freedom fighters who were born in August include Marcus Garvey, Fred Hampton and Russell Maroon Shoatz, while several died in that month, including W.E.B. Du Bois, Huey P. Newton and Jonathan Jackson. Jackson was killed Aug. 7, 1970, while attempting to free the imprisoned Soledad Brothers, including his brother, Black Panther Party leader George Jackson. On Aug. 21, 1971, prison guards executed George Jackson. His assassination was a spark that led to the heroic Attica Prison Rebellion in September 1971.

Joann Little, a Black woman imprisoned in North Carolina, was acquitted 50 years ago, due to self-defense, for killing a white guard who attempted to rape her..

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The U.S. is the richest country in the world, yet no one has a guaranteed right to shelter, food, water, health care, education or anything else — unless they can pay for it. Wages are lower than ever, and youth are saddled with seemingly insurmountable student debt, if they even make it to college. Black, Brown and Indigenous youth and trans people are gunned down by cops and bigots on a regular basis.

The ruthless ruling class today seeks to wipe out decades of gains and benefits won by hard-fought struggles by people's movements. The super-rich and their political representatives have intensified their attacks on the multinational, multigender and multigenerational working class. It is time to point the blame at — and challenge — the capitalist system.

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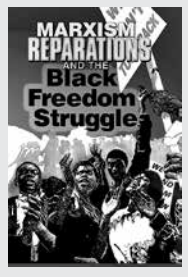

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New York activists reach out to political prisoners

The following statement was issued by the Bronx Anti-War Coalition on Aug. 8, 2025, in recognition of Black August. The letter-writing campaign events took place on Aug. 14 in Franz Sigel Park in the Bronx, New York, and Another World in Brooklyn, New York. Go to bronxantiwar.org.

What is a political prisoner?

Political prisoners are people jailed on charges related to their resistance to oppression, targeted by the state for their political beliefs and/or actions. They are not imprisoned for actual crimes, but for challenging a system built on invalid, racist laws designed to silence revolutionary efforts.

The importance of letter writing

Letter writing matters because it ensures our comrades are not forgotten. Movement work must stay connected with incarcerated folk who have been at the forefront of every struggle. While infographics raise awareness, a handwritten letter or message makes an immeasurable difference. By writing, we defy the state's goal of making revolutionaries disappear. Every letter is a tangible act of resistance — a declaration that the movement will always be with our comrades, whether they are behind bars or on the frontlines of the revolution.

Our incarcerated comrades

Kamau Sadiki

Kamau Sadiki is a Muslim, a loving father of two daughters, a grandfather of five and a veteran of the Black Panther Party. Joining the Party at the age of 16 in Queens, New York, he dedicated his life to his community before being arrested on trumped-up charges. Now serving life plus 10 years, Kamau endures severe prison medical neglect. Every letter we write is a reminder that his struggle is not forgotten.

Rodney Hinton Jr.

After the brutal killing of his young son Ryan — shot in the back by Cincinnati police — Rodney now faces charges for a response born of deep grief and rage. His continued incarceration, held without bail, exposes a system that silences dissent and punishes the very act of grieving.

Jaia Cruz

A trans woman of color from New York City, Jaia Cruz has long faced hate, violence and harassment. After a vicious beating on the streets and an altercation in a Harlem deli in January 2025 —during which she defended herself by stabbing her attacker — she now endures a 15-year sentence. Criminalized merely for protecting herself in broad daylight, her case is a powerful indictment of a system that devalues the lives of trans and Black people.

Elias Rodriguez

Elias Rodriguez's targeted attack on two zionist diplomatic staff in May 2025 was a direct act of resistance against a zionist state perpetrating a genocidal campaign in Gaza. After nearly two years of relentless violence and legal repression, his act was a resounding declaration of "ENOUGH!" His struggle demands our international solidarity, challenging state violence both here at home and abroad. Rodriguez has been indicted in a federal court in Washington, D.C. and faces severe punishment, including a possible death penalty sentence.

Rev. Joy Powell

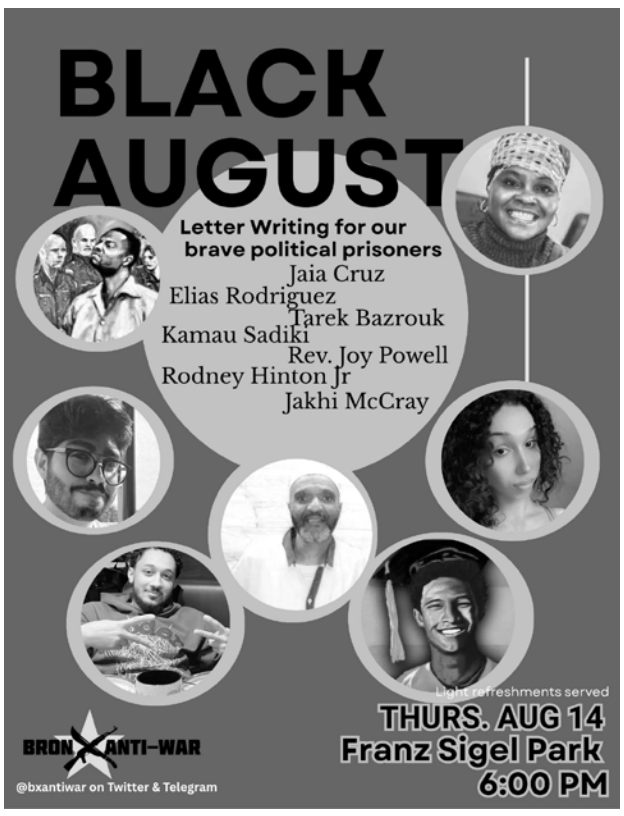
A dedicated pastor and community activist against police brutality, Rev. Joy Powell was warned by authorities that she was a target for speaking out against corruption. Convicted on charges of first-degree burglary and assault, she has now spent 16 years behind bars. Even in incarceration, her commitment to uplifting marginalized communities — especially incarcerated women — ignites hope and fuels our fight for justice.

Tarek Bazrouk

Tarek Bazrouk is a 20-year-old Palestinian student from New York City, targeted by the United States government for his activism. His family's home was unjustly raided by the FBI in May 2025, and he was later arrested and denied bail on the absurd claim that he is a "danger to the community." Now confined at the notorious and inhumane Metropolitan Detention Center in Brooklyn, his struggle is a stark reminder of the extreme measures used to silence dissent.

Jakhi McCray

Jakhi McCray is facing federal charges for allegedly setting fire to 10 police vehicles of the 83rd Precinct in Brooklyn in June 2025. He turned himself in on July 21, 2025, and was released the following day in a small but significant win for the movement. Now awaiting trial under house arrest, Jakhi's case underscores the high stakes of resistance and the price many pay for challenging state power. □



On the picket line

By Marie Kelly

REI union agreement

Union members at REI won a major victory when REI Co-op, the outdoor recreational gear specialty store, agreed to the demand to establish a national bargaining structure for the 11 unionized REI stores. The REI bargaining committee hailed the agreement as "a tremendous step forward in negotiating a first contract."

Workers at the 11 REI stores are represented by United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) Locals 5, 663, 700, 1208, 1445 and 3000 and the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union (RWDSU) Locals 379 and 1102. First to unionize was the Soho store in New York City, followed by the store in Berkeley, California, in 2022. (workers.org/2022/07/65251/)

The other union REI stores are located in Bellingham, Washington; Boston; Castleton, Indiana; Chicago; Cleveland; Durham and Greensboro, North Carolina; Maple Grove, Minnesota and Santa Cruz, California.

At the end of 2024, the Soho ski-shop workers won concessions from their bosses after a 54-day strike over the store's removal of personal protective equipment (PPE) necessary to prevent workers from inhaling noxious gases during ski reconditioning. The ski shop workers returned to work after REI's national headquarters agreed to restore PPE and allow an air quality inspection by an independent agency.

The union agreed to suspend the Unfair Labor Practice charge it had filed with the NLRB over the PPE controversy as part of this latest round of negotiations. REI owners agreed to provide retroactive wage increases and bonuses for the years 2022 to 2024 that the company previously unjustly withheld at unionized stores. (workers.org/2024/12/82660/)

REI union workers rally outside New York City store, May 2025. PHOTO: RWDSU

Museum union celebrates achievements

The workers at the Philadelphia Museum of Art are celebrating five years since they won their election to unionize. The Philadelphia Museum Union has since successfully negotiated two contract agreements with the world-renowned art museum.

Over the five years, union organizers have expanded unionization of museum workers throughout the city as Philly Cultural Workers United, which has chapters at the Fabric Workshop and Museum, Independence Seaport Museum, Please Touch Museum, Schuykill Center and University of Pennsylvania Museum. They are continuing to organize nationally through the AFSCME Cultural Workers United campaign.

Cleveland Rising Star baristas organize

Baristas all around the U.S., inspired by Starbucks workers, have been trying to unionize local coffee shops where they live. Unionizing efforts have begun at the Rising Star Coffee store in Lakewood, Ohio, a suburb of Cleveland. Rising Star is a local chain with six stores and a roastery in Greater Cleveland.

Workers united around safety issues, including carbon monoxide fumes that led workers to seek medical attention, a broken carbon monoxide detector and rodent infestation. After presenting a list of demands to store management, the workers decided they needed to form a union. Rising Star Workers Union, not yet affiliated with a national union, has thousands of followers on its Instagram page.

Union organizers called on supporters to join a "sip-in" on Aug. 3. They were surprised to see over 200 people lining up at the store, planning to order coffee. When Rising Star bosses attempted to close the store, workers and customers struggled to keep it open, at which point management called Lakewood police.

With the help of the cops, the store was forcibly closed and has remained closed since the sip-in. Two workers have been fired and six suspended pending an investigation. The eight sat outside the closed store on Aug. 4, handing out free coffee and talking to customers.

Pro-union workers at the Lakewood store have connected with supportive workers at the chain's other five stores and the roastery.

Martha Grevatt contributed to this article.

Machinists strike Boeing again

By Jim McMahan
Seattle

For the second time in a year, the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM) union has struck Boeing, this time in the St. Louis area. The 3,200 members of IAM District 837 have been striking plants in St. Louis; St. Charles, Missouri; and Mascoutah, Illinois, since Aug. 3. The rising cost of living and the threat of more inflation have led to the walkout, along with Boeing's forced pay freezes in past contracts.

The Machinists voted down two of Boeing's contract proposals by large margins before walking out. Boeing has claimed it offered the workers a 20% pay hike, but strikers say that many workers will only receive a 12% increase in total under Boeing's four-year proposal. The company even claimed it offered the workers a 40% wage increase, but the union has scoffed at that as a lie.

Boeing management has arrogantly refused to negotiate with the IAM since the beginning of the strike. Missouri and Illinois workers say they are in it for the long haul, after workers at Boeing plants in South Carolina and Seattle plants received larger pay raises than what Boeing offered the current strikers.

The St. Louis area plants make bomber planes for Pentagon wars and are Boeing's main military production plants. This puts the workers in an adversarial position with both the anti-labor Pentagon and Boeing. These two behemoth operations work in sync and are vicious enemies of the workers in the U.S. — and the freedom-loving workers of Palestine. ☐

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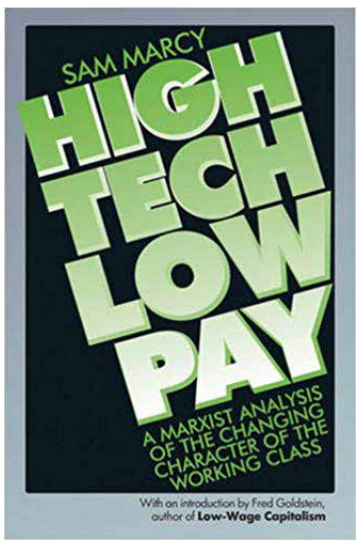
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U.S. out of Korea!

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Peace Committee of Philadelphia members, demanding an end to U.S.-South Korea war exercises and 80 years of U.S. occupation of South Korea. Speakers also pointed out that as "the U.S. spends over a trillion dollars this year on waging wars around the globe, our transit systems, health care, education and other community needs are being cut. Imperialist wars are simply not in the interest of the vast majority of people!"

The participants yelled "U.S. out of Korea! U.S. out of Palestine! U.S. out of everywhere!" and other chants as they took the streets, trailed by a large group of 18 city cops. A dozen of the activists held up black umbrellas marked with slogans in white lettering, such as "Stop the U.S. war machine" and "U.S. imperialists - #1 Terrorists!" alongside two vertical "Stop U.S.-Korea war games" banners.

The march in 90-degree weather ended blocks away, where protesters joined a "Friday's at Fetterman's" protest just coming to an end against the pro-Zionist Pennsylvania Senator John Fetterman. A KPCP representative ended the protest, once again calling for an end to U.S. imperialism from Korea to the Philippines to Palestine and everywhere.

The rally was endorsed by Nodutdol and led by Korea Peace Committee Philly, Koreans 4 Decolonization at UPenn, Anakbayan-Philly, Workers World Party, Party for Socialism and Liberation – Philly and American Party of Labor.

A dynamic street rally took place in the busy shopping area of Herald Square in **New York City** on Aug. 15 to demand an end to the U.S. occupation of the Korean peninsula, especially by the thousands of U.S. troops and bases that are a daily threat to the sovereignty of the Korean people.

Many shoppers stopped to hear speakers representing Nodutdol, Anakbayan Queens, New York City Workers for Palestine, Black Alliance for Peace and PSL. A short march took place after the speakers that included the Korean dining district. Piece Whang, a Korean activist, chaired the rally.

Monica Moorehead and Joe Piette contributed to this article.

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The Pentagon's Achilles Heel

by Sara Flounders

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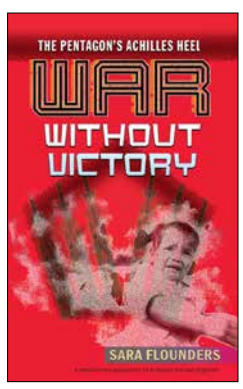

Texas disenfranchises Black and Brown voters

By Gloria Rubac
Houston

Aug. 17 — Requiring poll taxes, property ownership and literacy tests to vote may be long gone, but today's tactics are just as filled with the blatant racism that has historically underlined attempts to disenfranchise African Americans and other voters of color in this country.

Texas Governor Greg Abbott and his Republican-dominated legislature have decided to ignore the historic 1965 Voting Rights Act. On July 9, after Trump declared he deserved to have five more seats in Texas, Abbott obliged by calling a special legislative session to do just that.

The Texas House drew up a bill that provided gerrymandered districts, which ignited an outrage among not only legislators but the general public in major cities like Dallas, Houston and San Antonio. A two-week quorum break by Texas House Democrats had Abbott threatening their arrests by Texas State Troopers, who have no jurisdiction outside of Texas, huge fines and impeachment if the disappeared legislators could be found.

As the first special session ended on Aug. 14, the missing representatives listed their conditions for their return to the chamber and signaled their intention to participate in the state's second special session beginning Aug. 15.

Thousands flood capitol

On Aug. 16, over 6,000 people flooded the Texas capitol grounds to protest and rally against the redistricting maps. Speakers included 95-year-old labor activist Dolores Huerta and Democrats Texas Congress member Greg Casar and former U.S. Rep. "Beto" O'Rourke.

O' Rourke told the Austin crowd the push by Republicans to "gerrymander" in several states comes from fear of retaliation, saying, "If they cannot maintain their purchase on power in the U.S. House of Representatives, then there will be a check on their lawlessness, accountability for their crimes and corruption." (KUT Radio)

If a change in control of the House after the 2026 midterms happens, there is a possibility Trump could be impeached.

Erosion of voter rights

In numerous news stories reporting on the racist Texas redistricting plot to discount Black and Brown votes by redrawing congressional boundaries, the blame is not only put on Trump and his allies, but on the U.S. Supreme Court and Chief Justice John Roberts.

In rulings over several years, this court has effectively rolled back hard-won laws that had for decades protected the right to vote. On Aug. 10, journalist Adam Liptak wrote a news analysis for the New York Times that began: "If Republicans succeed in pulling off an aggressively partisan gerrymander of congressional districts in Texas, they will owe the Supreme Court a debt of gratitude.

"In the two decades Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. has led the Supreme Court, the justices have reshaped American elections not just by letting state lawmakers like those in Texas draw voting maps warped by politics but also by gutting the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and amplifying the role of money in politics."

Protest on Aug. 1, 2025, inside the state Capitol in Austin, Texas, against redistricting.

In a New York Times opinion piece on Aug. 14, David Daley, author of "Antidemocratic: Inside the Right's 50-Year Plot to Control American Elections," wrote: "Chief Justice Roberts has pursued the patient, steady bleeding of the Voting Rights Act. In 2013, he wrote the 5-to-4 decision in Shelby County v. Holder that effectively ended preclearance, the Voting Rights Act's most effective enforcement mechanism, and liberated states, many clustered in the South, from federal oversight of legislative maps."

August 6 marked the 60th anniversary of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, when then-President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the act into law witnessed by a group of people, including the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This was at a time when Texas elections were defined by segregation and discriminatory voting practices. The history of struggle by African Americans to simply exercise their democratic right to vote is painful, bloody and violent.

Efforts to register Black voters in the 1960s swelled into a movement with national support after Freedom Summer in 1964, when the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and the Congress of Racial Equality organized registration drives in Mississippi in the face of violent attacks.

On March 7, 1965, Civil Rights activists attempting to march from Selma to Montgomery were brutally beaten by Alabama state troopers and local police when they crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma. This brutal violence was seen on television around the country.

Anyone who watched the news could see Black people, mainly in Mississippi and Alabama, getting beaten with bricks, children taken down by powerful fire hoses and peaceful people being trampled by horses. This was done by law enforcement as well as Klansmen and other racist individuals.

The struggle continues

In the 1960s, the horror Black people endured was nightly news, just like today, with so much graphic depiction on television of the genocide in Gaza. Ashley Farmer, associate professor of African and African Diaspora Studies and History at University of Texas Austin, told the Texas Standard that seeing the brutality that African Americans endured "transformed Americans' understandings of the brutality Black people face in order to even exercise the right to vote and the fact that we were fundamentally not operating in a democracy if we were going to such great lengths to keep them from voting.

Farmer cautioned: "We need vigilance to confront new forms of voter suppression. Although the central idea is the same, it looks different in 2025 than it did in 1965."

So, while Texans can carry guns and can even buy ammo in the same convenience store they go to for bread or milk, Texans' votes are gerrymandered so they do not count. People should be able to choose their political leaders, but today politicians are picking their voters.

The struggle for real democracy and the right to vote by people of color is continuous.

While it is currently popular to attack Musk, we can't lose sight of the reality that his and Trump's offensives are trying but failing to prop up a dying capitalist system. □

Houselessness – a huge failure of capitalism

By Jim McMahan
Seattle

Houselessness is being produced every day by the U.S./Israeli war against the Palestinians in Gaza. As Palestinians' homes are reduced to rubble, the crimes of capitalism become more obvious to all.

Wars and economic interventions of U.S. imperialism have caused the havoc of houselessness and migration across the developing world. But even in the fabulously rich cities of the U.S. empire, the problem of houselessness persists. It won't go away.

In 2024, across the U.S., houselessness increased 18.1% to the highest rate ever. A federal count taken in January 2024 reported that there were over 770,000 houseless people in the U.S. However, this number is thought to be too low, because sometimes the houseless live in the shadows, or they are staying with friends or family or sleeping in cars.

In King County, Washington, which includes Seattle, 750 houseless people died in the last two years. Women in Black holds a vigil every month on the steps of City Hall for people who died houseless.

WW PHOTO: JOHN COOK
Tents line a street in Seattle's historic Pioneer Square neighborhood, home to a burgeoning tech scene.

Workers can't afford luxury housing

The problem stems from the wealthy real estate industry, of which President Donald Trump is its foremost representative. Attacks on the working class by ruling-class real estate monopolies such as Blackstone Real Estate, one of the world's largest commercial real estate owners, are bound to increase. This will result in the construction of more luxury housing, which workers can't afford, while making affordable housing less and less available.

This has contributed to the growing epidemic of evictions in Seattle where over one-third of houseless people are Black. Corporate landlord rule has evicted Black residents to the point where the Central District, the historic Seattle Black community, is now less than 20% Black.

Profiting from poverty

Seattle has some of the wealthiest corporations on the planet with Microsoft and Amazon headquartered here. But their policies stimulate a demand for expensive and luxury housing — not housing for the working class.

For years the city has used contractors, cops and excavation equipment to sweep out thousands of houseless camps. The city of Seattle operates under a Democratic administration, but its policies are no less oppressive than Trump's. Seattle has closed down many housing and shelter programs. The city, like the Trump government, is trying to escape responsibility by privatizing government services to further oppress houseless people.

Seattle's programs for the poor and houseless, many of whom are disabled, are mostly contracted out. Around 60 to 80 non-profits, philanthropies and religious organizations such as the Salvation Army have been contracted to aid houseless people. There are many complaints about these groups not having enough funds, misappropriating funds or working at cross purposes with each other.

Trump's bogus "Big Beautiful Bill" will lead to more impoverishment and houselessness like this country has not seen since the Great Depression. But the increased attacks will open the way to organizing and fighting back.

Ban evictions, fight for rent rollbacks

Cities need to ban evictions. In 2024, Seattle/King County landlords filed over 7,000 unlawful detainer cases (evictions), the highest in history. Now in 2025, evictions are rapidly increasing because of higher rents and greater wage inequality. A rent rollback of 50% should be called for due to the emergency situation.

The lack of affordable housing affects the whole working class, which knows it is endangered. Because of the crisis, Katie Wilson of the Bus Riders Union won the recent primary election over incumbent mayor, Bruce Harrell.

Wilson, as an advocate for the low-income working class, has frequently spoken out against the regime in City Hall. While she had little name recognition and not a big campaign organization, she swept the primary with over 50% of the votes over Harrell and several other bourgeois candidates. This shows the state of opposition to landlord rule.

The U.S. war on the houseless flows directly from the U.S. war on Gaza and needs to be fought with some of the same persistence as the Palestinians of Gaza. □

WORKERS WORLD

editorial

Putin-Trump meeting
Nothing more than a performance

Donald Trump came into the White House promising to end the costly, destructive proxy war with Russia in Ukraine on his first day in office. Finally, seven months later, the White House and U.S. corporate media grandly pre-publicized the Aug. 15 meeting in Alaska of Presidents Putin and Trump. The publicity raised great expectations, making it appear that Trump was doing something to end the intense war against Russia that the U.S. and NATO have been waging since the overthrow of a Ukrainian government friendly to Russia in early 2014.

Trump brought no new offer to the summit. Despite the publicity, the meeting ended early, neither president made any ending statement, and the corporate news organizations had nothing of substance to report on. War in Ukraine grinds on.

In reality, the second Trump administration, no different from the Biden administration, has extended U.S. involvement, begun under the Obama administration, and increased both U.S. and European NATO imperialist funding and involvement in Ukraine.

Even if it were Trump's goal to lift the U.S. sanctions on Russia, he would have to first win a full Congressional vote ending them, because these sanctions have been locked in. The imperialist collaborators in Europe and Canada have also locked in the most prohibitive sanctions ever passed on Russia.

U.S., British, European Union, Canadian, Australian and Japanese imperialism have imposed more than 16,500 economic sanctions on Russia. These sanctions primarily target Russia's financial system, with measures including freezing foreign currency reserves. They block the sale of Russian oil, gas, wheat and fertilizer, freeze assets of Russian banks and exclude Russian banks from the SWIFT financial messaging system.

To the great frustration of these imperialist predators, the Russian economy and state survived these sanctions, which were designed to impose a regime change and new looting of Russia. Now Russia's trade is overwhelmingly conducted with the countries of the Global South.

By threatening to withdraw U.S. multi-billion-dollar support to the fascist, totally corrupt and now unelected Zelensky regime, Trump did succeed in coercing all other NATO member countries to vastly increase their military budgets. Now many plan to spend up to 5% of their gross domestic product on weapons.

What this means for the European working class is that the European rulers will rip billions of dollars from social programs and spend these same billions purchasing U.S. weapons to pour into the meat grinder in Ukraine.

This arrangement means more profit to the owners of U.S. military industries. By extending the war, it brings more suffering to the people of Ukraine and Russia. It accelerates the drive toward a wider war and the danger of a direct confrontation between the U.S. and Russia, both armed with nuclear weapons.

Workers World has always covered the danger posed by the aggressive NATO military alliance. Since its founding in 1949, NATO's military forces have been commanded by U.S. generals. NATO existed from the beginning to keep Europe capitalist and keep European workers in the grip of U.S. corporate domination. Since 1990, the U.S. has also used NATO to expand U.S. corporate domination to the Global South, notoriously in Afghanistan, Iraq and Libya.

The only thing new from the summit is the need to redouble the effort to dissolve NATO and get the U.S. and its military out of Europe and the rest of the world. ☐

Trump uses tariffs to force concessions

By Betsey Piette

President Donald Trump repeatedly claims that his exorbitant tariffs of 10% to 50% and even higher on other countries will resolve what he calls a trade disadvantage for the U.S. The fine print in many of these agreements, however, reveals something far more sinister.

Since announcing the proposed tariffs in April, Trump has used tariff negotiations to badger countries to agree to his foreign policy objectives. He pressures them to purchase more U.S. manufactured weapons, fracked gas and oil and to support U.S. efforts to isolate China.

Claiming these countries pursue anti-American policies, Trump uses tariff threats to weaken and drive a wedge in the geopolitical and economic alliance of Global South economies known as BRICS.

BRICS, founded in 2006, initially included Brazil, Russia, India and China. South Africa joined in 2010. Six new members — Egypt, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Iran, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates — were admitted in 2024-25. Malaysia, Nigeria and Thailand are among nine "partner" countries. Other countries have requested to join.

Focused on enhancing cooperation in trade, investment, development and global governance reform, BRICS countries include over 40% of the world's population and produce 25% of global gross domestic product (GDP) and the grouping is positioned to be a counterweight to imperialist formations such as the G7.

Trump's tariff threats on BRICS nations include 50% against Brazil and 30% against South Africa. He has threatened up to 50% tariffs on goods from India unless the Modi government agrees to stop importing Russian oil. Trump already revoked Russia's Most Favored Nation status, and many goods from Russia are subject to 20% tariffs. However, as part of his "negotiations" with Russia over the war in Ukraine, Trump has threatened more sanctions and higher tariffs.

At one point, Trump's tariffs against China reached 145% but were reduced to 30% after a 90-day pause in May.

But rather than fracturing the BRICS alliance, Trump's manipulative tariff threats may have the opposite effect — drawing its member countries into a closer, more coherent and coordinated force against U.S. trade pressure.

Trade union activists burn effigy of Trump to protest the recent tariff hikes imposed by the U.S. on India. Kolkata, India, August 13, 2025.

In Brazil, Lula fights back

An official White House statement in early August accused the Brazilian government of serious human rights violations for its prosecution of former Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro and thousands of his supporters. Bolsonaro is currently under house arrest for attempting a coup d'état in 2023 following his defeat in the 2022 election.

Brazil's President Luis Ignacio "Lula" da Silva has refused to hold trade talks with Trump and proposed instead that BRICS countries issue a joint response. Lula said on Aug. 6: "I'm going to try to discuss with them about how each one is doing in this situation ... so we can make a decision. It's important to remember that the BRICS have ten countries at the G20," referring to the group that gathers 20 of the world's biggest economies. (Reuters, Aug. 6)

Although there have been no official statements from other BRICS members in support of Lula's proposal, News18.com reported calls Aug. 7 between Lula and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi regarding unilateral tariffs and the global economic situation. South African President Cyril Ramaphosa also spoke with Russian President Vladimir Putin regarding issues of mutual interest. On Aug. 8, Modi called Putin to reaffirm India's commitment to deepen India-Russia ties, and Putin spoke separately with China's President Xi Jinping.

Xi, Putin and Modi will meet later in August at the Shanghai Cooperation Organization summit in Tianjin, China, which could provide for further talks on Trump's tariffs. This will be Modi's first visit to China in over seven years.

On Aug. 13, Lula launched the Sovereign Brazil plan to provide $5.6 billion in a package of measures to support Brazilian small exporters and workers hit by Trump's 50% tariffs. The plan aims to reduce dependence on the U.S. and seek trade partnerships with China, Vietnam and India.

Tariffs push U.S. military goods, isolating China

In April, Trump initially threatened 25% tariffs on all South Korean exports to the United States. By July, the tariffs were lowered to 15% after Trump strong-armed South Korea to pledge to invest $150 billion into the U.S. shipbuilding industry, put up $200 billion worth of loans and other financing Trump claims he will personally direct and to buy $100 billion in U.S. liquid natural gas. This $450 billion commitment is nearly a quarter of South Korea's entire $1.87 trillion 2024 GDP.

According to the Aug. 9 Washington Post, the Trump administration has expanded the use of tariffs to reach other "national security" goals, including widening U.S. military pressure against China. One draft of the U.S.-Korea tariff agreement included a requirement that "Korea will issue a political statement supporting flexibility for U.S. Forces Korea to better deter China while continuing to deter North Korea."

The negotiating document reported on by the Post also revealed Trump administration plans to push Taiwan, India and Indonesia to increase their defense spending by buying more U.S. military hardware — again part of the "contain China" strategy. Trump's threat of a 49% tariff on Cambodian goods was a bargaining chip to pressure Phnom Penh officials to let the U.S. Navy conduct annual ship visits and training exercises at Ream Naval Base.

African nations threatened

Trump's insertion of China containment policies within tariff negotiations was not limited to Asia. According to the documents exposed by the Post, the administration used the threat of high tariffs on Madagascar to force the country to refuse to permit "China to establish military bases and expand military cooperation." The tiny East African island nation of Mauritius was first threatened with a 40% tariff, reduced to 15% if it agreed to remove telecom equipment made by China's Huawei, ZTE and Hikvision from its surveillance networks.

The administration used the threat of a 50% tariff to pressure Lesotho, a poor African nation, to accept deals with "multiple U.S. firms." According to the Post report, Lesotho was to grant the renewable energy start-up OnePower "a five-year withholding tax exemption and a license to develop a 24-megawatt project." Legal requirements for a physical address in Lesotho for Elon Musk's Starlink to conduct business there were to be waived.

Writing in the People's Dispatch (Aug. 12) Fudan University professor Shen Yi notes: "These cases illustrate a consistent U.S. strategy in recent foreign economic and trade negotiations: repeatedly wielding the tariff stick, applying unilateral and extreme pressure, conducting closed-door, one-on-one talks to isolate and wear down trade partners, forcing them to concede one by one."

This is why Lula's call for unity in the face of Trump's attacks is an important first step. ☐

Phony airlifts

EU photo ops won't stop Israeli-imposed famine

By Sara Flounders

Faced with demonstrations, urgent appeals and growing mass outrage that permeates all public space, the leading governments of the European Union staged a series of fraudulent photo ops that must be exposed and denounced globally. The EU is an imperialist bloc dominated by the former colonial powers of Europe.

For 22 months, European imperialists have stood with U.S. imperialism in shipping arms and munitions parts to Israel, while continuing all other forms of trade and giving diplomatic support to the apartheid state to aid in waging a genocidal war on resistance in Gaza.

For two years, EU countries have made every effort to shut down all forms of solidarity with Palestine by grassroots movements. But the groundswell of support refused to be silenced, and the mobilizations have grown in numbers and determination.

Now these same countries have changed tactics. With wall-to-wall publicity, video images were broadcast of French military officials loading palettes of material aid onto a cargo plane for a humanitarian airlift to Gaza. Close-in camera shots made it appear to be substantial material.

Headlines declared that France and other EU countries, in alliance with the corrupt monarchies of Jordan and the United Arab Emirates, started to airdrop 40 tons of humanitarian aid to Gaza on Aug. 1.

France's President Emmanuel Macron wrote a grandiose statement on social media platform X on Aug. 1: "Faced with the absolute urgency, we have just conducted a food airdrop operation in Gaza. Thank you to our Jordanian, Emirati and German partners for their support and to our military personnel for their commitment."

Cynical, criminal ploy

A front page picture on the Sunday, Aug. 3, New York Times leads with the headline: "Trying to save lives." Its caption under a picture of parachutes reads: "Amid reports of starvation, a Jordanian Air Force plane dropped 20 tons of aid packages on southern Gaza on Thursday." The accompanying news article is headlined: "A desperate effort to feed many desperate Gazans."

Forty tons of material or 20 tons from Jordan sounds like a lot of supplies and a big life-saving operation. It appears that these countries are confronting the Israeli/U.S. starvation policy. This is a cynical and criminal ploy.

The 40 tons of material airdropped by France is less than two truckloads of supplies. It is a teardrop of aid in a howling desert of need. Gaza needs at least 500 trucks of supplies a day to feed its destitute population of 2 million people.

This whole airdrop from Germany doesn't equal two truckloads of supplies.

The front-page picture of Jordan's airdrop equals one truckload. A typical tractor trailer in the U.S. can carry approximately 20 to 25 tons of flour or other supplies. Flatbed trailers are capable of transporting loads with a maximum weight of 24 tons.

The publicity stunt airlift involved several countries, including Germany; Spain sending 12 tons (half a truck load); and on to Italy, over several weeks. These combined airlifts will total 100 tons, or five truckloads of "essential supplies." Britain, of course, jumped in with a truckload of aid.

These meager flights of "humanitarian supplies" to Gaza compare to the 6,000 flights by Britain and the U.S. from bases throughout Europe to create an "air bridge" of military supplies to Israel. (aljazeera.com, Oct. 24, 2024)

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine (UNRWA) stated that as of July 26, there are approximately 6,000 aid trucks in Jordan and Egypt, including those waiting approval at crossings such as Rafah, to enter Gaza. Osama Hamdan, former senior representative of Hamas in Lebanon and Tehran, in a statement from Hamas explained that a total of 22,000 aid trucks from many different agencies and sources are waiting at the borders of Gaza.

Airdrops part of starvation policy

Al Jazeera reports: "The Gaza Ministry of Interior and National Security has condemned the performative airdrops of aid in Gaza, characterizing them as a tool of manipulation, rather than genuine aid for the starved Palestinians in the Strip. The Ministry said the Israeli occupation is exploiting the airdropping of aid boxes as part of its deliberate starvation policy, fueling chaos, lawlessness, and the rise of armed gangs and looters.

"The airdrops have caused a large number of casualties among civilians in the ensuing chaos, with some aid packages falling directly onto homes and the tents of displaced people, resulting in deaths, including [of] women and children." (Aug. 6)

The ruling class of the European imperialist countries has its own sordid history of horrific massacres and famines in imposing colonial rule. Each colonial power blessed its troops, cloaking its looting and expropriations in promises of being merciful while bringing civilization and salvation by sword and fire. They know the script all too well.

When there are profits to be made, the preservation of human life is not a part of their calculations.

Ultimately each colonial power was driven out of its African and Asian colonies at great human cost. This will be the fate of imperialism's proxy — Israel — in West Asia. ☐

Seattle, Aug. 17, 2025 WW PHOTO: JIM MCMAHAN

Demonstrators demand 'End the Siege of Gaza'

By Jim McMahan
Seattle

Banging pots and pans, over 500 demonstrators took to the streets of Seattle on Aug. 17 to demand "End the Siege of Gaza!"

Among the speakers was a member of Healthcare Workers for Palestine, protesting the targeting of health care workers in Gaza and the shooting of rescue workers by the Israel Occupation Forces. A Families for Palestine representative talked about building a national coalition of families across the country in opposition to U.S. genocide. A Freedom Road Socialist Organization speaker declared, "Victory to the Palestinian Resistance!"

After a march, the demonstrators rallied in front of the office of the Boston Consulting Group, which has set up the so-called Gaza Humanitarian Foundation. Speakers condemned the foundation for turning an aid system into killing fields.

A Seattle Against War representative reported about organizing hundreds of workers to demonstrate against Maersk shipping at the Port of Tacoma, Washington. Maersk is a transport company and a lifeline for military support for the Zionist state. A speaker from Nidal Seattle spoke about the long and strong tradition of Palestinian resistance which will prevail in Gaza.

The action ended with all the demonstrators pitching handfuls of flour against the front of the Boston Consulting Group building. ☐

Dallas

Vigil for murdered Palestinian journalist

By Alex Colwell
Dallas

On August 12, roughly 100 people attended a vigil in Dallas for Anas al-Sharif, a martyred Palestinian journalist murdered by the Zionist regime. Several members of the local Muslim community spoke, giving his last will and testament as well as speaking about their personal encounters with him and joining in prayer for a treasured member of the community.

Five other journalists and camera operators — all employees of Al Jazeera — were also assassinated on Aug. 9 along with al-Sharif by an Israeli airstrike on their tent. Over 270 Palestinian journalists have been murdered since Oct. 7, 2023.

The message of the Palestinian Youth Movement was ultimately one of resistance and remembrance. As we were asked to bear witness and carry the suffering of martyrs with us, we were also asked to participate in the global struggle against imperial oppression, with one speaker underlining that Gaza is the sharpest point in a global struggle against imperialism.

This author would like to personally thank the Palestinian Youth Movement and the Dallas Muslim community for welcoming us to such a revered and important event. The name Anas al-Sharif, along with all those martyred in the fight against Zionism and imperialism, will not be forgotten by Workers World Party and the movement. ☐

Anas al-Sharif

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¡Netanyahu nunca doblegará a la Resistencia palestina!

editorial

El 9 de agosto, el gabinete de seguridad de Israel aprobó una propuesta del primer ministro Benjamin Netanyahu para la toma completa de Gaza. Netanyahu afirma que el objetivo es «liberar Gaza de Hamás», es decir, aniquilar a la Resistencia palestina.

Sin embargo, como dice el refrán: «El pueblo, unido, jamás será vencido». Esto es ciertamente cierto para los luchadores por la libertad de Palestina.

Los palestinos llevan luchando por su liberación -no de la resistencia sino de la ocupación sionista- desde la fundación del Estado de Israel en 1948. Lo que Israel no ha podido hacer en 77 años, no lo logrará en 2025, a pesar de las bravatas de Netanyahu.

A pesar de los asesinatos y mutilaciones masivas, Palestina sigue luchando. A pesar de la destrucción de hogares, hospitales, escuelas, mezquitas, iglesias e infraestructuras, Palestina sigue luchando. A pesar de la hambruna generalizada, Palestina sigue luchando.

No son sólo los palestinos o los activistas solidarios los que dicen que Israel no puede derrotar a Palestina, coreando «Palestina nunca morirá» en las manifestaciones.

El 3 de agosto, 19 oficiales militares y de inteligencia israelíes emitieron una declaración en vídeo en la que advertían al gobierno israelí de que estaba a punto de ser derrotado por la Resistencia palestina y sus aliados. El ex primer ministro Ehud Barak estaba entre ellos. El ex director del Mossad, Tamir Pardo, declaró que Israel está «al borde de la derrota». El Mossad es la agencia nacional israelí responsable del espionaje y las operaciones encubiertas.

Pardo llegó a decir que «Nos escondemos detrás de una mentira que nosotros mismos forjamos. Esta mentira se vendió a la opinión pública israelí y el mundo hace tiempo que comprendió que no refleja la realidad.» (popularresistance.org, 4 de agosto)

Los 19 funcionarios israelíes también firmaron una carta dirigida al presidente Donald Trump pidiéndole que utilice su influencia para poner fin a la guerra (en realidad un genocidio, pero no utilizan esa palabra) en Gaza. Incluso antiguos líderes israelíes pro-sionistas están diciendo que Israel está luchando una batalla perdida. Netanyahu, con todas sus bravatas beligerantes, no tiene un plan que pueda derrotar a un pueblo decidido a conseguir la liberación.

Palestina nunca morirá. El pueblo, unido, ¡jamás será vencido! ☐

El linchamiento de un ciudadano estadounidense palestino expone la hipocresía de Washington

editorial

La hipocresía del imperialismo estadounidense no tiene límites.

Así lo ha demostrado una vez más el fracaso del gobierno estadounidense a la hora de investigar el linchamiento de Sayfollah Musallet, de 20 años. Ciudadano estadounidense de ascendencia palestina, Musallet fue golpeado hasta la muerte el 17 de julio cerca de Sinjil, en Cisjordania ocupada por Israel, por colonos sionistas enmascarados cuando intentaba proteger de ellos la granja de su familia. Las Fuerzas de Ocupación israelíes impidieron que las ambulancias llegaran hasta Musallet durante tres horas; murió de camino al hospital.

Vigilia por Sayfullah Musallet, Tampa, Florida, 19 de julio de 2025.

Musallet es el quinto ciudadano estadounidense asesinado en Cisjordania por colonos fascistas israelíes o por las IOF desde el 7 de octubre de 2023. Los otros son los palestino-estadounidenses Tawfic Abdel-Jabbar y Mohammed Khdour, el trabajador de World Central Kitchen Jacob Flickinger y el turco-estadounidense Ayşenur Eygi. El Departamento de Justicia no ha tomado ninguna medida significativa en sus casos.

El año pasado, el padre de Ayşenur Eygi, Mehmet Suat Eygi, preguntó: «¿Cuál es la razón de este doble rasero? No lo sabemos. ¿Es porque Ayşenur tenía doble nacionalidad? ¿O es que el criminal, el país al que corresponde este crimen, es Israel?». (Oregon Public Broadcasting, 17 de octubre de 2024.)

Esto contrasta fuertemente con la atención prestada a los cerca de 40 ciudadanos estadounidenses entre los que fueron hechos prisioneros o asesinados durante el diluvio de Al-Aqsa. En noviembre de 2023, el entonces fiscal general de Estados Unidos, Merrick Garland, dejó claro que el Departamento de Justicia de Estados Unidos tomaría medidas en su favor. Garland anunció cargos contra seis dirigentes de Hamás y dijo: «Estamos investigando activamente la muerte de los estadounidenses utilizando todas las herramientas a nuestro alcance.» (NPR, 13 de octubre de 2024)

La actual fiscal general Pamela Bondi no ha tomado hasta ahora ninguna medida en favor de Musallet ni de ninguno de los palestino-estadounidenses asesinados en Palestina por los sionistas. Demócratas y republicanos han demostrado la misma inacción.

Estados Unidos tiene un largo historial de fingir preocupación por sus propios ciudadanos cuando conviene a sus intereses imperialistas. En 1983, bajo la presidencia de Ronald Reagan, el Pentágono invadió la pequeña isla caribeña de Granada alegando la necesidad de proteger a los estudiantes de medicina estadounidenses que estudiaban allí. La verdadera motivación de la invasión estadounidense era hacerse con el control de Granada, cuyo gobierno había sido antiimperialista y tenía una orientación socialista.

Del mismo modo, la invasión estadounidense de Panamá en 1989, mal llamada «Operación Causa Justa», tenía «salvaguardar las vidas de los estadounidenses» como uno de sus «objetivos». Esto ocurrió después de que sólo un miembro del Cuerpo de Marines resultara muerto y otro herido. (gao.gov)

«Las fuerzas invasoras estadounidenses destruyeron 20.000 hogares y mataron a cientos de panameños inocentes, arrojando los cadáveres a fosas comunes», según el Congreso Norteamericano sobre América Latina. (4 de septiembre de 2024)

Sin embargo, ¡no se hace nada para proteger a los palestinos y a los activistas solidarios que visitan Palestina!

Esto es indignante, pero no debería sorprender a nadie en el movimiento antiimperialista. El Estado capitalista lleva a cabo guerras que sirven a sus intereses de clase. No apoya ni siquiera a sus propios ciudadanos cuando son asesinados por fuerzas como los sionistas, que son herramientas del imperialismo. ☐

Recordamos a Carolina Saldaña

Por Mumia Abu-Jamal

Originalmente de EE.UU., Caro/Carolina Saldaña, que durante años vivió en México realizando un trabajo de solidaridad local en torno al encarcelamiento de Mumia, falleció el 1 de agosto, causa aún por determinar. Lo que sigue es un homenaje a ella.

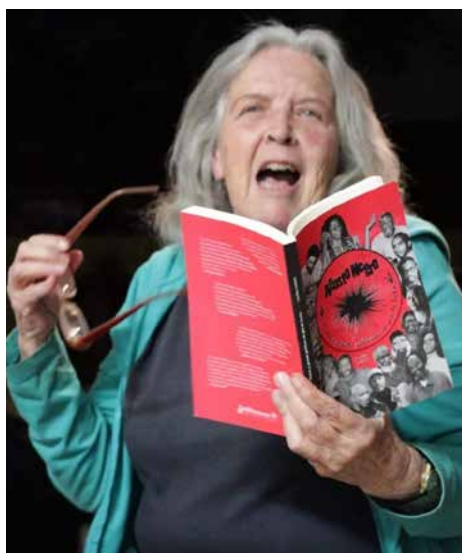
Recordamos a Carolina Saldaña quien ayudó a difundir las noticias de nuestro movimiento aquí en EE. UU. a sus hermanxs en Mexico, pero también nos trajo noticias a nosotrxs, de luchas de lxs pobres, lxs oprimidxs y las comunidades indígenas, la gente trabajadora de México. Ofreció muchas historias que ella compartió con nosotrxs. Ninguna es más aterradora que su trabajo sobre Ayotzinapa donde el Estado usando elementos criminales masacró a más de 40 alumnos y jóvenes que intentaban ser maestrxs para educar comunidades indígenas y pobres en México.

Esas personas fueron desaparecidas por sus creencias políticas; fueron desaparecidas porque eran jóvenes activistas intentando generar un mejor impacto en sus comunidades. Fue Carolina quien nos trajo esas historias. No solamente nos dijo lo que pasó sino por qué pasó. Ella lo explicó y nombró a muchos de los estudiantes, quienes muchos de sus cuerpos no se han encontrado hasta hoy en día.

Cuando primero nos enteramos, estuvimos anodadados. No lo pudimos creer pero tuvimos que hacerlo. Los hechos fueron los hechos y vivimos en una era de neoliberalismo donde los gobiernos pueden hacer lo que sea y salirse con lo suyo.

Ella fue valiente y con coraje. Habló con la verdad sin límite y contaba las historias de su comunidad y de otras comunidades por todas las Américas. Ella contaba a lxs mexicanxs sobre las luchas por la liberación negra. Sobre agosto negro, el mes de resistencia recordado durante más de un centenario en EE. UU. y en las Américas. Ella contó nuestra historia sobre la lucha contra la violencia policíaca y carcelaria y la represión en Filadelfia, Pensilvania y en todo Estados Unidos.

Con amor, sin miedo,
Esto es Mumia Abu-Jamal ☐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